

Kent 4-H Horse Leader's Monthly Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2015

Attendance: Key: X = Attended Blank = Absent

Please remember to sign in on the attendance sheet!

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Canterin' Commotion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Galloping Riders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leather N Lace
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Step Ahead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Horsin' Around	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stablemates
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bit by Bit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Perfect Partners	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steel Horses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue Ribbon Riders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rainbow Riders	<input type="checkbox"/> Team Meadowview
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country Cowboys	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge Riders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Train N Rein
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denim & Dust	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rockin' Horse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wind Riders
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dream Riders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saddle Up Country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Horse Superintendent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friends & Neighbors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Showcase Riders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MSU Educator

Call to Order w/ Pledges by Carolyn @7:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report by Carolyn

Motion to Accept: by Matt MSC by Dave

Treasurer's Report by Adela

Motion to Accept: by Lori MSC by Kali

Extension Office Report by Glenda

- All 4-H members must enroll online by May 15.
- Bunn Scholarship applications are due June 1 – applications should be graduating seniors and DO NOT need to be studying veterinary science or going to vet school.
- Glenda also discussed and gave us an informative flyer about biosecurity for horses.

Fair Board Report by Dave

Matt attended the last Fairboard meeting for Dave. Dave summarized the horse release for the Saturday at Fair and the Little Britches Rodeo schedule: The Program Committee was asked for suggestions for the Saturday Fair event. Several ideas from the Program Committee and Horse Leaders were presented to the Fairboard. The Fairboard suggested the Little Britches Rodeo and asked for approval from the Program Committee and Horse Leaders. Approval was granted with the stipulation that the horses would be dismissed before the rodeo arrived in order to avoid congestion and lack of arena space. The Fairboard said this would not be a problem and they would work out the time. Dave, however, was then excluded from this coordination meeting. When Matt attended the Fairboard meeting we were informed that horse dismissal would be at 5:00 PM on Saturday. The rodeo would be coming in Friday night for set up. This will mean the main arena and exercise arenas will be closed to 4-H exhibitors from Friday night through the conclusion of Fair. The Little Britches Rodeo anticipates over 25 trailers arriving Saturday by noon. Slack rides start at 2:00 PM and prime rides are from 6-8:30 PM. Many horse leaders made good suggestions for exit routes and plans. Our first concern of course is safety. Dave explained that the Horse Leaders need to either be willing to accept what the Fairboard has laid out or we should attend the Fairboard meeting Wednesday May 13 at 7:30 PM at the King Building to raise the concerns to the Fairboard.

Dave is also checking on still exhibit judging for those members wishing to show still exhibits and also exhibit at the State show during the Saturday before Fair.

Old Business:

- Horse Camp June 29 & 30 – turn in your registration!
- Showmanship Clinic with Rachael VanLaar Saturday May 23 at the Kent County Sheriff Mounted Unit Training Center in Rockford. Please call or text Rachel if you wish to attend 616-877-2886.
- Speed Clinic June 13 with Michelle Wolf at the Fairgrounds. Please sign up ASAP if you plan to attend!

New Business:

Due dates-Declarations due TONIGHT, Fees due June 4, State Delegates June 26 by 12:00 PM, Project books-July 10 (day after Horse Leaders' Meeting).

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- Horsemaster Educational Resource topics must be approved by the horsemaster committee by June 1. Currently only one has been submitted. Candice and Cathy's email addresses are in the Horsemaster book. Please email them your topics if you are going to be a Horsemaster at the 2015 Fair.
- Sponsorship and Banners-New Banners will cost \$200.00, with \$135.00 applicable toward fees. Renewal banners cost \$150.00, with \$150.00 applicable toward fees. Sponsorship form online.
- Horseless declaration \$10
- KFNO
 - Schedule – Dream Riders will now be working the July 15 concessions
 - Workers meet with Marty after the meeting
 - Some showbills printed out, also available online
- Fair Work Schedule – drawing club names for order of sign up tonight (sign up in order at June meeting). Please see the attached work schedule and sign up order. Please let Carolyn know if you have any questions.
- Capital Improvements Update – no arena groomer needed since the Fairboard already had one. The Fairboard is looking into the Look Memorial Fund to replace much of the lighting at the Fairgrounds with LED lights.
- The State 4-H Horse Show is August 7-9. Kent County can send 28 youth and must send 5 volunteers. The volunteers must go or Kent County members will not be allowed to show. Volunteers can work the contesting on Friday. Please see Candice if you are interested. The State Delegate packets are due to Glenda at the extension office by noon on June 26. The showbills included in the packet must be signed and list the placing and number of exhibitors in the class. The points are pro-rated. Candice emphasized that the members should follow directions when completing the packets! Please let her know if you have any questions.
- CN Sawdust will be supplying sawdust to Fair again this year. \$5/bale for fine flake delivered to the stall area. Please have the leader call ahead with the entire club order.
- On June 6 the District 5 Junior Equestrian Team Meet will be held at the Fairgrounds if any club would like to run a concession stand during the meet. All funds raised from the concessions go directly to your club. Please see Candice if you are interested.

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM by Kathy. Seconded by Lindsay.

Upcoming Events: (4-H Year is September 1-August 31)

- Leader Meetings – 7:30 p.m. @ MSUE Office: 6/4/15, **July 9, 2015** (please note that this date is the second Thursday of the month.)